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HLTF Update/West Germany

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West Germany

Although the West German courts are still considering the constitutionality of the US request to extradite Mohammad Hammadi, the final decision to extradite Hammadi lies with Bonn.

- o Even if the courts say Hammadi can be extradited, the government does not have to follow through. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] We believe a trial in West Germany would most likely be used by the government to buy time--either in delaying extradition or in attempting to reach an agreement with the hostages' captors. [REDACTED]

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Although both Genscher and Chancellery Foreign Affairs Advisor Horst Teltschik claim nothing new has occurred regarding the two West German hostages in Lebanon since early March, Bonn still appears to be trying to appease Damascus.

- o Despite the West Berlin prosecutors' conviction that Syria alone, through Syrian intelligence operative Haitham Said and others, was responsible for last year's La Belle disco bombing, Bonn decided last week to not seek an international arrest warrent for Said. [REDACTED]

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Said previously had been indicted in West Berlin for supplying Ahmad Hasi with the explosives used in last year's bombing of the West Berlin German-Arab Society.	25X1

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